



**CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, May 04, 2020, 4:00 PM**

**480 East Avenue, North, Ketchum, Idaho**

**Minutes**

**In recognition of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), members of the public may observe the meeting live on the City's website at [ketchumidaho.org/meetings](http://ketchumidaho.org/meetings). If you would like to comment on an agenda item, please submit your comment to [participate@ketchumidaho.org](mailto:participate@ketchumidaho.org) by noon the day of the meeting. Comments will be provided to the City Council.**

- **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Neil Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm

- **ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Mayor Neil Bradshaw

Council President Amanda Breen - present by video conferencing

Councilor Michael David - present by video conferencing

Councilor Courtney Hamilton - present by video conferencing

Councilor Jim Slanetz

Also PRESENT

City Administrator - Suzanne Frick

Director of Finance & Internal Services - Grant Gager

City Attorney Matt Johnson – present by video conferencing

- **COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCILORS**

Councilor Michael David commended City Staff and the County for battling thru this.

Councilor Courtney Hamilton reminded the public that were not out of this yet. She stated that this is very hard, everybody should be wearing their masks and continue distancing yourselves.

Council President Amanda Breen agrees with Councilor Courtney Hamilton and said to keep on doing what you are doing. She talked about Town Square and the hand sanitizing station.

Councilor Jim Slanetz agrees with all Councilors. He looks forward to the testing and making more informed decisions.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw advised that the blood draw started this morning at River Run. People who have been selected for the draw have been informed. This is a terrific effort by our Fire Chief Bill McLaughlin and those in the community who have volunteered. Mayor Bradshaw is happy to see City Hall opening step by step. Public will not be coming into City Hall until early next month. Mayor Bradshaw talked about the curve and

seeing the dramatic decline. He advised that we are not putting out chairs in Town Square until the Governor's order allows small gatherings. He talked about how he would like the City to open and requests all to wear a mask and to lead by example. Were all in a place of fear but we must move forward. We need to maintain our flexibility and be able to change course if need be. He is hopeful for the weeks ahead.

1. Proclamation - Mental Health Awareness Month - Mayor Neil Bradshaw  
Mayor Neil Bradshaw read the Proclamation for Mental Health Awareness Month.
2. Proclamation – Kids to Park Day – Mayor Neil Bradshaw  
Mayor Neil Bradshaw read the Proclamation for Kids to Park Day.
- CONSENT AGENDA: Note: **(ALL ACTION ITEMS)** The Council is asked to approve the following listed items by a single vote, except for any items that a Councilmember asks to be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

Councilor Jim Slanetz pulled item #3.

Councilor Michael David pulled item #8

3. Approval of Minutes: Special Meeting April 17, 2020  
Councilor Jim Slanetz requested the minutes clarified to reflect him saying that he was not concerned about tourism “at this time”.

**Motion to approve minutes as noted.**

***Motion made by Councilor Slanetz Seconded by Council President Breen.***

***Voting Yea: Council President Breen, Councilor David, Councilor Hamilton, Councilor Slanetz***

4. Authorization and approval of the payroll register
5. Authorization and approval of the disbursement of funds from the City's treasury for the payment of bills in the total sum of \$306,551.67 as presented by the Treasurer.
6. Recommendation to approve second addendum to Lease Agreement 20466 to Ohio Gulch Sludge Drying Fields Lease Agreement - Waste Water Superintendent Mick Mummert
7. Motion to approve Contract #20467 for HDR Biosolids Composting Study - Waster Water Superintendent Mick Mummert

**Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 4-7**

***Motion made by Councilor Slanetz Seconded by Council President Breen.***

***Voting Yea: Council President Breen, Councilor David, Councilor Hamilton, Councilor Slanetz***

8. Recommendation to Approve Participating Site Agreement #20468 with Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

Mayor Neil Bradshaw explained the Fred Hutchinson Study. Councilor Michael David requested clarification on who gets accepted and how this study moves forward.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw explained that more than 4,000 people signed up for the study. How people get chosen is a function of the demographics. They tried to pick several people who would represent our

Valley. Mayor Bradshaw talked about the many different studies that are emerging stating that some are FDA approved and some are not and some are more accurate than others. He is expecting more types of testing in the valley.

Fire Chief Bill McLaughlin talked about the length of time it took to put this study together. He stated that we have learned a lot over the last number of months. He talked about the Fred Hutchinson Study and what they have learned. They have wanted to do a much more in-depth study of the blood tests. This will be one of the studies that will show us if immunity can be conferred. It has gotten off to a good start and preliminary results will be available in the next few weeks. He is pleased that the results are more in-depth than other tests throughout the country. He talked about the FDA approval process and stated that starting now, they are giving the test 10 days to prove themselves. He talked about the tests, what they are finding out and the positives of what they are learning.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw stated that he is thrilled about this testing and thanked Fire Chief Bill McLaughlin for his explanation. Councilor Courtney Hamilton asked for clarification that this is a Blaine County Study, but we are the hosts. Bill McLaughlin explained how the study got started. We have had support from all the other agencies, but Ketchum has taken the lead.

Council President Amanda Breen asked about the turnaround time. Fire Chief Bill McLaughlin explained that we will have basic answers in no more than two weeks. Other results will continue to come in over time. Mayor Bradshaw asked about a follow up blood draw. Bill McLaughlin explained that some applicants have consented for more testing in the future. Mayor Bradshaw asked about the cost of the study. Bill McLaughlin explained that the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Study is funding all the costs themselves. Ketchum has only contributed his time and a few other employees and St. Luke's is paying for all supplies.

#### **Motion to retroactively approve agreement 20438**

***Motion made by Councilor David Seconded by Councilor Hamilton***

***Voting Yea: Council President Breen, Councilor David, Councilor Hamilton, Councilor Slanetz***

- **NEW BUSINESS**

9. **ACTION ITEM: Recommendation to Continue Ketchum Health Order 20-02 to May 29, 2020.**

Mayor Neil Bradshaw explained the question before council saying Public Health Order 20-02 will remain in place until the Council removes it. Mayor Neil Bradshaw suggested we extend Public Health Order 20-02 to 5/29/2020. He offered up other alternatives in conversation including the end of stage 1. Mayor Bradshaw is suggesting the council set a date so the hotels and short-term rentals can make plans.

Councilor Courtney Hamilton would like to continue with restrictions with banning travel in and out of the state. She understands the hotels are gearing up to go forward but it makes more sense to continue Public Health Order 20-02 to align with Stage 2 of the reopening. She also asked how the restrictions are going? City Administrator Suzanne Frick explained that the City is on the construction sites twice a day. Some days are better than others. We have issued 5 citations, but only after we have talked to the primary construction managers. Those operations are now in compliance and doing well.

Council President Amanda Breen asked how other cities and counties are handling this? She suggested allowing the hotels and short term rentals to open sooner than the end of the month. This would give the hotels an opportunity to do a soft opening. She sees the value in what Mayor Bradshaw is proposing, and it would be useful to give the hotels a chance to implement their procedures.

Councilor Michael David thinks Council President Amanda Breen has made a great point but questions the self-quarantining for 14 days. Mayor Bradshaw explained the logic of Blaine County and the City of Hailey saying the Governor's order regulates the quarantining question. Michael David stated that this gives people an opportunity to just not quarantine.

Councilor Jim Slanetz agrees with Councilor Amanda Breen and the soft opening.

Council deliberated the situations in hotels as opposed to short term rentals. Mayor Neil Bradshaw talked about dividing up the categories and how it creates issues. Councilor Michael David agrees, and he talked about us doing things differently than the other cities.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw advised we can lift the Public Health Order today, or the end of stage 1 or the end of stage 2. The council talked about no spike since we opened construction 2 weeks ago today. Councilor Jim Slanetz is in favor of ending the Health Order now or at the end of Stage 1. Council President Amanda Breen agrees. Councilor Courtney Hamilton would like to continue to the end of Stage 1 and continue with the education throughout the community. Councilor Michael David agrees with Courtney Hamilton saying it gives the hotels time to get their procedures in place. Council deliberated on the wording of the motion.

Councilor Michael David questioned the rules regarding construction workers eating out in the City of Ketchum? City Administrator Suzanne Frick clarified that workers from Ketchum can go out to lunch or Atkinson's, but it is discouraged. It is also in place in other jurisdictions. They must wear a face mask if leaving the job site.

**Motion to extend the Ketchum Public Health Order 20-02 until the end of Stage I as mandated by Idaho Code and that current criteria for construction shall continue as in guidelines.**

***Motion made by Councilor Hamilton, Seconded by Council President Breen.***

***Voting Yea: Council President Breen, Councilor David, Councilor Hamilton, Councilor Slanetz***

- **ADJOURNMENT**

There was a discussion about future meetings. Mayor Neil Bradshaw advised that Council is invited into City Hall for the next meeting. City Administrator Suzanne Frick explained that we have 2 criteria. We must comply with the 6' distancing and we must provide a remote opportunity for those who would like to comment. Starting on May 18th we will allow the public to participate remotely. That will be the same for the P & Z and KURA meetings.

Mayor Neil Bradshaw asked City Attorney Matt Johnson for comments. Matt Johnson explained that the first time he will be having this situation underway is next Monday with the City of Cascade. There is not a ton of progress. If things do not continue to improve, we will investigate this deeper.

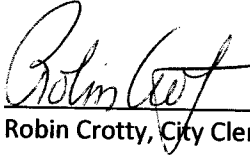
**Motion to adjourn at 5:17 pm.**

**Motion made by Councilor Hamilton, Seconded by Councilor David.**

**Voting Yea: Council President Breen, Councilor David, Councilor Hamilton, Councilor Slanetz**



Neil Bradshaw, Mayor



Robin Crotty, City Clerk

